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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO DELIVER FIFTH ANNUAL STATE OF EDUCATION SPEECH IN PHOENIX, SEDONA AND TUCSON

NEW GOALS FOR 2008: HEALTHY BODIES/HEALTHY MINDS CHALLENGE; TEACHER MORALE; DETAILED STUDENT DATA; AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

PHOENIX (Monday, January 07, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will deliver his fifth annual State of Education address on Tuesday, January 8, at 8:15 a.m. at the Phoenix Union Bioscience High School.

Horne's goals for 2008 will include a Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds Challenge to schools and students. To help serve as role models, Superintendent Horne will lose 20 pounds next year and over 40 employees from the Department of Education have pledged to lose over a total of 1500 pounds. Over 50 employees (along with Horne) will walk from the department at 7:00 a.m. to Superintendent Horne's speech to illustrate the importance of the Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds Challenge.

Another goal includes a teacher morale component. The department is opening up a 30-day comment period for teachers to tell Horne how he can make their lives easier and more successful in the classroom. Teachers can give their suggestions by emailing makemylifeeasier@azed.gov; Secondly, detailed student data, where technology will make it possible to report to teachers, administrators and the public, not only how our students are doing, but also how they are doing on every concept tested on AIMS; and thirdly, the department will partner with businesses such as, Intel, Boeing, Pinnacle West, Medtronic; Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Texas Instruments, AVNET, Cox, Wells Fargo and others to help increase the number of math and science teachers to support the increase in graduation requirements.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

7:00 A.M. TOM HORNE AND ADE STAFF TO WALK FROM ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PHOENIX UNION BIOSCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

8:15 A.M. TOM HORNE TO DELIVER 5TH ANNUAL STATE OF EDUCATION SPEECH AT PHOENIX UNION BIOSCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL – 512 EAST PIERCE, PHOENIX

**1:45 P.M. TOM HORNE TO DELIVER SPEECH IN SEDONA AT BIG PARK
COMMUNITY SCHOOL – 25 WEST SADDLEHORN DRIVE, SEDONA**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

**8:30 A.M. TOM HORNE AND ADE STAFF TO WALK FROM MISSION PARK – 12TH
AVENUE, SOUTH OF IRVINGTON ROAD TO LIBERTY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**9:30 A.M. TOM HORNE TO DELIVER STATE OF EDUCATION AT LIBERTY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 5495 SOUTH LIBERTY AVENUE, TUCSON**

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